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To: Wisconsin Nursing Homes

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From: Judy Fryback, Director
Bureau of Quality Compliance

Subject: Changes in Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Reviews (PASARR) of MI/DD Residents

The process described in this memorandum is applicable to MA Certified, HSS 132 licensed nursing homes.

As you know, the new PASARR regulations became effective January 29, 1993. The Department has been working on the changes to implement these regulations by the required implementation date of January 1, 1994.

Attached are Informational Memorandums (93-11 and 93-26) distributed by the Division of Community Services on this topic. They summarize the major changes in this process.

The greatest impact of these changes will be who can do the Level 2 Screen, who will receive a Level 2 Screen and the definition of "specialized services", which replaces what was previously known as active treatment.

Exemptions for short-term admissions have also been modified as follows.

Exemption from Specialized Services

Currently, persons who have specific medical conditions, such as dementia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or congestive heart failure (CHF) are exempt from the Level 2 screening process, and therefore, no determination about the person's need for specialized services is made.

The final federal regulation permit exemptions from the Level 2 screening process only for the following short-term admissions:

- a. Post-hospitalization recuperative care of 30 days or less;
- b. Pre-placement admission of 30 days or less;
- c. Respite care to in-home caregivers who expect the person to return; 30 days maximum per year

- d. Provisional admissions pending further assessment in emergency situations requiring protective services of 7 days or less.

All other prospective and current nursing home residents who have a specific medical condition, such as dementia, COPD, or congestive heart failure, must have an abbreviated Level 2 screen that determines that the person's medical condition is so severe that it precludes the person from participating in or benefitting from a specialized service program. If it is determined that the medical condition is not severe, then a full Level 2 screen needs to be completed.

Nursing homes will still be required to perform the Level 1 screens as in the past. A revised form has been developed which reflects the changes noted above. Enclosed with this document are five copies of this form as well as a DMS-25 forms/publications requisition which can be used to order more. Estimate a 3-6 month supply and indicate the form number and name in the space provided. Enter the mailing address at the top of the form and mail to:

Wisconsin Division of Health
Bureau of Quality Compliance
ATTN: Barb Carey
P.O. Box 309
MADISON WI 53701

Allow at least 4-6 weeks for delivery. You may photocopy the Level 1 screen until a supply arrives. Please begin using these forms immediately, continue to send to your county agency until 1/1/94 of which time these will be sent to your Regional Screening Agency per revised procedure.

Also enclosed is a listing of residents, in your facility which the Bureau of Quality Compliance has identified as having either a mental illness or developmental disability diagnosis. Because of the PASARR changes, this list is incomplete and needs to be updated. Specifically, private pay and previously exempted residents (see paragraph 4) need to be added to these lists. In some cases there will be homes that had not previously identified residents who will now have identifiable residents as a result of these changes. We are asking that you review this list, making whatever additions/deletions are necessary. Additionally, for residents appearing on this list that have a county of residence other than the county in which your facility is located, please indicate the county of their residence next to their name. Your cooperation in this task will help to ensure an orderly transition into the revised PASARR process. Please return the revised list by December 20, 1993 to:

Wisconsin Division of Health
Bureau of Quality Compliance
ATTN: Jerry Cabala
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MADISON WI 53701

If you have additional questions, please contact Jerome M. Cabala, MSW, Social Services Consultant, at (608) 266-8482.

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Enclosures: PASARR Level One Forms and Re-order Form
Resident MI/DD Listing
DCS Memos (93-11 and 93-26)